

New airport in Kota

†1351. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the present Kota airport has been declared uncontrolled;
- (b) whether new location for construction of new airport has been selected and its technical test has also been carried out;
- (c) whether the proposed location has been found fit in the technical test; and
- (d) by when the new airport will be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The two sites identified by the State Government for the construction of a new airport to cater to operation of AB-320 type of aircraft were not found suitable due to a high tension power line passing through them and some other objections. State Government has now suggested another site but has not furnished its details so far. Construction of the new airport is contingent upon the suitability of the site.

Revision in air fares

1352. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of occasions for the rise of prices in the fares of air services and the percentage of rise from 1st April, 2004 to 15th November, 2006;
- (b) the rise by amount during this period in case of the flights between Agartala and Kolkata and between Agartala and Guwahati; and
- (c) the complaints received from the State Government of Tripura in the matter and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There have been 8 occasions for the rise of

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